

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/523,221 [[_____]], entitled eSIGNATURES AND eRECORDS SYSTEM, by Srikanth Karimisetty et al. (Attorney Docket No. 021756-001901US), filed November 18, 2003, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. This application is also being filed concurrently with U.S. Application No. 10/731,657 [[_____]], entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ASSOCIATING AN ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE WITH AN ELECTRONIC RECORD, by Srikanth Karimisetty et al. (Attorney Docket No. 021756-001900US); and with U.S. Application No. 10/731,604 [[_____]], entitled METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR CREATING QUERIES THAT OPERATE ON UNSTRUCTURED DATA STORED IN A DATABASE, by Srikanth Karimisetty et al. (Attorney Docket No. 021756-002100US); and with U.S. Application No. 10/731,655 [[_____]], entitled METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR COMMITTING A TRANSACTION TO A DATABASE, by Srikanth Karimisetty et al. (Attorney Docket No. 021756-005100US); and with U.S. Application No. 10/731,299 [[_____]], entitled METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR COLLECTING AN ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE FOR AN ELECTRONIC RECORD STORED IN A DATABASE, by Srikanth Karimisetty et al. (Attorney Docket No. 021756-005200US); and with U.S. Application No. 10/731,623 [[_____]], entitled METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR DETERMINING IF AN ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO COMMIT A TRANSACTION TO A DATABASE, by Srinivasulu Puri et al. (Attorney Docket No. 021756-005300US), the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.